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PORTS. (For Invoice and general use.)

Case. Per Bot.

A. Alto Douro, good quality,

Red Capable, \$10. \$1.00

B. Vintage, superior quality,

Red Capable, 12 1.10

C. Fine Old Vintage, super-

ior quality, Black Seal,

14 1.25

D. Very Fine Old Vintage,

extra superior, Violet

Capable (Old Bottle), 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner

wine, Green Capable, 6 0.60

B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner

wine, Green Seal Capable, 7.50 0.75

C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural

Sherry, White Capable, 10 1.00

D. Superior Old Dry, Pale

Natural Sherry, Red Seal,

Capable, 10 1.00

E. Very Superior Old Pale

Dry, choice old Wine,

White Seal Capable, 12 1.10

F. Extra Superior Old Pale

Dry, very finest quality,

Black Seal Capable (Old

Bottle), 14 1.25

Per Case. 2 doz. 3 doz.

Quarts. Pints.

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Red Capable, \$4. \$4.50

B. St. Raphael, Red Capable,

4.50 0.50

C. St. Julien, Red Capable,

7.50 0.75

D. La Rose, Red Capable,

11 1.00

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red

Capable, \$12. \$12.00

B. Superior Very Old Cognac,

Red Capable, 14 1.25

C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac,

Red Capable, 18 1.50

D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old

Liqueur Cognac, 1872

Vintage, Red Capable, 24 2.00

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A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap-

able, 8 0.75

B. Watson's Glenlivet, White

Capable, 8 0.75

C. Watson's Glenlivet, White

Capable, 8 0.75

D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of

the Finest Scotch Malt

Whiskies, White Capable,

10 1.00

E. Watson's Very Old Blend

Scotch Whisky, Gold Cap-

able, 10 1.00

GIN.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Cap-

able, \$5.00 0.40

B. Fine Old Tom, White Cap-

able, \$5.00 0.40

C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva, \$5.25

0.50

RUM.

A. Fine Old Jamaica, Violet

Capable, 12 1.10

Good Lowland Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUORISTS.

A. Watson's Glenlivet, White

Capable, 8 0.75

B. Watson's Glenlivet, White

Capable, 8 0.75

C. Watson's Glenlivet, White

Capable, 8 0.75

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H. B. P.

At Derrington, Hongkong, on Thursday morning

the 2nd July, 1891, Mrs. C. A. TONG, of a [1891]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 2nd, 1891.

The Tientsin Famine Relief Committee in

their report remark very truly that there is

reason to believe that the benevolent abroad

are getting tired of these constant appeals to

help the suffering which is caused by the

greed or indifference of those who are

neglectful of the means of prevention. The

list of subscriptions attached to the report

bears out this view. In Tientsin itself the

sum of \$2,520 was collected, but the sums

collected from the other ports and in this

Colony were small, Shanghai figuring for

\$708 and Hongkong for \$190 only. Merely

to relieve suffering and suffering.

leaves untouched is a proceeding

which does not commend itself to prudence.

As the Tientsin Committee say, suffering

will always excite compassion, and the

compassionate will always seek means to assist

the sufferer. It would be more to the pur-

pose, however, if the cause of the suffering

were attacked. The reflections thrown by

the report on the indifference of the Chinese

Government to the sufferings of its subjects

are well deserved. In the Shanai and Shan-

tung famine of 1878-80 more than ten mil-

lions of people are said to have perished,

and yet practically nothing has been done

to prevent the recurrence of the same alarm-

ing mortality under similar conditions,

though this might very easily be done by

improving communications and facilitating

the transfer of grain from places where there

is a superabundance to those where the crops

are deficient. The famine just referred to

was due to drought, but the most prolific

cause of scarcity in China is the constantly

recurring floods, which might be in a large

measure prevented by an intelligent sys-

tem of river conservancy. Yet the Gov-

ernment is slow to move in the matter,

and many of the officials are said to be

directly interested in the maintenance of

the present state of things owing to the

opportunities of profitable employment

and of peculation which the repair of river

banks and the distribution of relief funds

afford. Tales have, indeed, been told of

officials deliberately breaking down the banks

for their own selfish ends heedless of the

loss of life and the misery caused thereby

amongst the population in the district

affected. The disasters, when they do oc-

cur, are also frequently aggravated by the

action of the people themselves, each village

or small group of villages working for

its own narrow interests instead of combin-

ing together for their common protection.

The writer of the well-known "Chinese

Characteristics" gives a graphic account of

what takes place. One village or set of vil-

lages is situated on a flat liable to inundation

when a river breaks its banks. To guard

against the ruin which is thus threaten-

ed, a group of villages, perhaps, with the

knowledge and consent of the local

magistrate for the time being, provides a

bank which shall prevent the waters from

overwhelming any of these villages. But

the villagers living outside this area, and

on to whose land the overflowing water

will be turned, will attempt to cut the bank,

or in other cases, where a bank prevents the

water running off, those whose lands are

undermined will do the same. Mr. Smith

gives an instance of this bank cutting

which occurred during the floods in North

China in the summer of 1890. A stream

called the Tu-hai runs parallel with the

course of the Yellow River on the north side

and is guarded by a lofty dyke. As addi-

tional protection to the districts north of the

Tu-hai smaller banks had been thrown up

to confine the waters to the south in case

the floods of previous years should be re-

peated. These banks, to the number of

five or six, extended at intervals like

the bars of a gridiron. When the banks

of the Tu-hai actually broke, the inha-

bitants of the strip first inundated, find-

ing their crops ruined and their houses

tumbling over them, raised a large force and

attempted to cut the bank to the north of

them, in order to let out the water. This

the villagers on the other side resisted with

a still larger force, and the result was a battle.

When the bank was at length broken down,

the villagers in the second strip in their turn

raised a force and attacked the bank to the

north of them, and by the time the water had

reached its height all the banks were in ruins

and the whole country on a vast lake.

In the battles which had taken place countless

lives had been lost, the districts magistrates

nothing by way of prevention. The destitu-

tion is no less distressing because it has been

in part caused by the folly of the people

themselves or the apathy of their rulers, but

the affording of relief cannot under such cir-

cumstances afford the same satisfaction to

the benevolent as in cases of unpreventable

misfortune.

Mr. Min's Company appear for the last time

to-night, when Mr. Min takes his benefit. The

place is "Ridgeway," and a number of the parts

will be filled by amateurs.

Another important land sale was to have

taken place yesterday afternoon. A number of

lots in Queen's Road West were put up to

auction, but in consequence of no bids being

received the sale was withdrawn.

We hear that Mr. Justice Fielding Clarke,

when he left Hongkong, was thought to be

in serious jeopardy from spinal disease, is now

enjoying good health and doing his twenty miles

a day in Scotland. The London doctors told

there was no affection of the spine.

We are requested to state that during the

summer season service will be held in the Park

Church at 5 p.m. on Sundays. The following is

the list of the Committee for the year 1891-92.

The Committee for the year 1890-91, who pre-

sented their report and statement of accounts.

During the summer season eleven evange-

listical services will be held, at which will be

presented the Bishop and three by the Rev. G. H. B.

field. The holy communion was celebrated by

the Bishop on two occasions at early morning

services. The Rev. Canon Selous, who has been

the officiating minister in all of 228, of

which 80-70 was contributed on account of the

Diocesan Bazaar, the offering for which was

specially announced. The accounts show a bal-

ance in hand of \$38,77-\$111.80 having been

expended in colour washing the entire building

and securing a number of necessary repairs.

The Committee beg to tender their hearty thanks

to the Bishop for the aid which he has so kindly

afforded them. The present Committee—Rev.

G. H. Bondfield, A. B. Johnson, F. T. P.

Foster, C. Palmer, and G. G. Mitchell, are re-

questing that the Committee will now have to

be elected.

The story of a very curious misapprehen-

sion at the Russian Imperial Court when the news

of the attempt upon the life of the Czar was

received has (says a London paper) just landed

in Hongkong. The telegraph received by the

Czarina was one from the Empress of Russia

seeking her to set her mind at rest, as the

Czarina was not seriously injured, and was

being well looked after. This telegram was

placed "H. K. P." The first mention her Im-

perial Majesty asked was, "Who is H. K. P.?"

Nobody present was able to answer the question,

but some were just enough to assure her

that H. K.







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